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To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS (Special Nutrition Programs) -Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED,  
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Recent discussions with the American School Food Service Association Liaison Advisory Board suggest that some confusion exists regarding Section 210.8(a)(1) which requires school food authorities to conduct no less than one on-site review of each school under its jurisdiction. Specifically, the term "on-site" review is being interpreted as a comprehensive program evaluation of all systems in the school food service, and subsequently perceived as an overwhelming burden to accomplish by the February 1 deadline.

The preamble for the final AccuClaim rule (54 FR 12575) sought to dispel this misunderstanding by stating, "...these "on-site" reviews are intended to be reviews of schools' counting and claiming practices, and not a total evaluation, unless the school food authority wishes to conduct a more comprehensive review...."

If you have any questions, please call our office at (303) 844-0355.

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